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Identical letters dated 11 August 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, dated 11 August 2015, regarding the new cases of the illegal placement of so-called "demarcation banners" by the Russian occupation forces in Georgia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia regarding the new cases of illegal placement of the so-called "demarcation banners" by the Russian occupation forces in Georgia

On 10 August 2015, Russia's occupation forces, illegally deployed in Georgia, installed new banners marking the so-called "border" on the territory adjacent to the villages of Tamarasheni and Tseronisi of the Kareli municipality of Georgia, thus leaving farmlands of local residents outside the new markers.

A similar illegal action took place on 6 August when the Russian occupation forces illegally reinstalled the banner marking the so-called "state border" on the territory adjacent to the village of Tsitelubani of the Gori municipality.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia condemns yet another provocative act on the part of Moscow, which poses a threat to the security and stability and grossly violates local residents' fundamental human rights. Georgia once again calls upon the Russian Federation to fulfil its international commitments, including those under the 12 August 2008 ceasefire agreement, and to refrain from actions directed towards the escalation of the situation.

At the same time, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia calls on the international community to appropriately assess Russia's illegal occupation policy directed against Georgia's sovereignty and territorial integrity and to take adequate measures for maintaining security and stability on the ground.